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**ISSUE IN DOUBT.****LEAGUE PROBLEM MAY BE ADJOURNED.****A CRITICAL DAY.**

Geneva, March 16.

At the conclusion of the conference of representatives of the British Dominions, M. Briand saw Sir Austen Chamberlain and then told pressmen that there were no misunderstandings between France, Britain and Germany but that a serious element existed making a solution difficult of realization.

M. Briand is going to Paris tomorrow to present a ministerial statement to Parliament. Some persons who were near him thought he hinted at the possibility of the postponement of the whole affair.

Mr. J. S. Smit, who has gone to London on urgent business, has confided the South African representation to the Canadian High Commissioner.—Reuter.

**PRESSURE ON BRAZIL.**

After a three-hour meeting, the delegates of Latin-American States, after hearing a full statement of the case from M. Franco, decided pressingly to request the latter to find means of restoring the unanimity of the Council in connection with the composition of the Council in the interests of the moral peace of Europe. In view of the unanimity of the Latin-American delegates it is confidently expected that Brazil will yield. Her Delegate, interviewed by Reuter opined that the difficulty was practically settled.—Reuter.

**THE DAY REVIEWED.**

Rugby, March 16.

Although hopes were maintained that the situation would clarify itself within the next 24 hours, yesterday at Geneva was not free from anxieties.

Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand and the German delegates have been in close touch and the anxieties that will remain do not arise out of any difference of opinion existing between these statesmen, who are in complete agreement on the course to be adopted.

The delegates of South American States united to-day in urging Brazil to abandon her intention of vetoing Germany's election unless she also is granted a permanent Council seat, and, although it is generally expected that this and other appeals of the same kind will have the result desired, no definite information to this effect has so far been received.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, who has kept in constant touch with the Dominion representatives on the Assembly, again held his usual daily conference with them this morning.

It has been provisionally arranged that the League Assembly and Council will meet to-morrow.—British Wireless.

**ANOTHER "MISINTERPRETATION."**

Paris, March 16.

Somewhat belatedly, M. Briand's alleged statement regarding a Colonial mandate for Germany is now declared to be inaccurately reported and misinterpreted. It is explained that M. Briand merely indicated that, in becoming a member of the League, Germany would automatically enjoy the right to which all the members of it claimed to be entitled; namely, to receive a Colonial mandate if and when the occasion arose.—Reuter.

A previous message stated that M. Briand, in the course of addressing French journalists, revealed that the allies recently promised that Germany would be eventually allotted a Colonial mandate.

**ADJOURNMENT TALK.**

Geneva, later.

When the Council concluded, Sir Austen Chamberlain hurried off to (Continued on Page 12).

**BANDIT OUTRAGES IN KWANTUNG.****BIG VILLAGE SACKED AND BURNED.****HUNDREDS KIDNAPPED.****BANK LOAN CASE.****AN "EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS."****MANAGER "FORCED."**

"Tell witness I don't think he is doing justice to himself. I am not a business man, but I know something of the ways of business men, and it seems to me to be, an extraordinary way of doing business. Tell witness that, talking frankly, it seems to me incredible."

So said the Chief Justice at this morning's hearing of the Bank Loan case, in which Messrs. Sze Yap and Taylor are suing the Man Chuen Bank for the recovery of a loan of \$37,600. His Lordship was commenting on certain evidence given by Mr. Tsang Chun-sun, Manager of the defendant Bank, and their witness-in-chief.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Eldon Potter, witness had submitted that in order to meet an urgent need of the Bank, he sold the 200 Wharf shares at a sacrifice, in spite of the fact that, as shown in evidence he had just given, Lammett's had offered to give him the money without recourse to this measure.

Taking up the examination at the point where he left it last, Mr. Eldon Potter had asked the witness if he still maintained that the transaction which now formed the subject of the action was a sale and not a loan, and got the reply from witness that it was "a sale and a purchase" with a difference of 4½ points to his disadvantage at the same moment and on the same day. He adhered to this view whatever opinion other persons might have of the transaction.

Mr. Potter:—This is very clear. This is your first transaction?—Yes.

At a later stage in the examination, witness said that Lammett's had promised to give him the money but he did not make a decision then, because the terms thereof were not disclosed. There was no mention of a loan, and he regarded what passed on June 5th as a promise by Lammett's to "give" him the money. When the urgency for the money had passed away, on the morning of the following day, he still permitted the negotiations for the sale of the shares to take their course, because he "could not think of upsetting" an arrangement which had already been made and because "I thought that even then the money, although it was not urgently needed then, could be usefully and with more profit, be employed on other lines of business."

Regarding the letter which he signed on behalf of the Man Chuen Bank, and in which there was an admission of liability by the Bank to Lammett's for the amount of the loan plus accrued interest, (the whole totalling \$39,930), witness created somewhat of a sensation by declaring that he was forced to sign the letter, while being left at the same time in ignorance of the contents. This having been explained to him as being an admission of a loan, he now denied it.

Mr. Potter (cross-examining):—You were forced to do it?

Witness:—They drafted out the letter and said, "You must append your signature to it." Witness added that this was subsequent to a discussion on the cross-debt owed by Lammett's to his Bank, in which he was given to understand that the signing of the letter was an essential preliminary before this other question could be arranged.

His Lordship:—Why did you sign the letter when it was an admission of a loan?

Witness:—They never explained to me it was a loan.

Witness also said, in reply to (Continued on Page 7).

**CRITICISM OF STRAITS GOVERNMENT.****CASE OF "BUREAUCRATIC STUPIDITY."****OUTSPOKEN COMMENT.**

Referring to recent criticisms, the Singapore correspondent of the *Telegraph* says that the Government there is having rather a bad time just now. There are complaints of the lack of a strong and confident personality at the head of affairs, and this is regarded as being unfortunate in a country where the civil servants work efficiently enough, as a general rule.

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mill-men who immediately began hurling large pieces of sharp edged road-metal at the car and its occupants, cutting great holes in the hood of the car, denting the sides of the body and in addition, striking both the detective and the driver of the car on the head, cutting them rather severely.

Seeing the state of affairs, the officer in charge gave an order for the Station Warning Flag to be brought. The Warning Flag is a white flag in use at all police stations now. It carries an inscription in large black letters to the effect that when it is hauled down firing will commence.

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**CEMENT MEETING.****TSUN WAN SCHEME DELAYED.****HOPES FOR FUTURE.**

The postponement of the projected scheme for the building of a factory at Tsun Wan was announced by Mr. R. G. Shewan, who presided at this morning's meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited. There were also present: Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. C. A. da Roza, Mr. Conrad F. Mendham (directors), Mr. Allan Keith (secretary), Messrs. C. G. Alabaster, Tong Hok-ting, D. M. Goodall, M. A. Figueredo, L. W. Shewan, A. L. Shields, W. E. Van Eps, D. W. Munton, J. Coulthart, W. J. Carroll, G. H. Potts, J. T. Bagram, W. J. Stokes, J. M. Alves, A.H.M. da Silva, N. V. A. Croucher, A. A. Alves, I. F. da Rocha, C. S. Remedios, P. M. da Silva, J. E. Joseph and S. Michael (shareholders).

**CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.**  
The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen:—As the report and accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925, have been in your hands for some time past I will with your permission take them as read. The result of the year's work certainly compares unfavourably with that of previous years, but I need make no apology for this as you all know the unfavourable business conditions with which we have had to contend since the beginning of the strike of Chinese labour last June. The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$501,453.06 as against \$693,148.60 for 1924, and under all the circumstances not only as regards the lack of labour but also the reduced local demand and the difficulty of securing the usual shipping facilities for export, I do not think much better could be expected.

As for the prospects for the coming year, I hardly dare to speak, but, if anything, there seems to be a little more enquiry now than there was at the end of the year and we can only hope that this may continue. We are fortunate in having a good supply of Lime-stone as the work of the contractors at Bins Bay was all put to stop by the outbreak of trouble there, the place appears to be in the hands of bandits and the prospects of building the proposed light railway and pier are very indefinite at present. As indicated at last year's meeting the ground at Castle Peak was sold and the surplus of \$1,114.44 appears in the Profit and Loss Account.

As regards the proposed factory at Tsun Wan, the necessary work of obtaining borings and soundings for the reclamation of the site has been carried out, and much work has been done at home in obtaining estimates and information as to the best and most economical type of plant, but after careful consideration of the position, your Directors in face of the difficulty of obtaining labour and the necessary financial facilities, felt that there was no course open to them but to stop further proceedings and postpone the whole matter until the trade of the Colony returns to normal conditions. This, of course, is very disappointing to all concerned, but on the other hand we have done all we could to push on the completion of the grinding machinery for the rotary kilns which are now taking the place of four of the old Albion kilns at Hok Un with good results. Two more are under construction at Macao and should be finished and at work before the end of this year. Unless, therefore, some very great increase in the (Continued on Page 7.)

**MATTEOTTI'S MURDER.****ACCUSED'S DRAMATIC STORY.**

Chitai, March 16.  
At the trial of five men, Dumini, Volpi, Poveromo and Malacria, accused of the "wilful but unpremeditated killing" of Matteotti, the Socialist Deputy, Dumini giving evidence, said he had concluded that Matteotti was concerned in the murder of the fascist, Bonserizzi, and thereafter he watched Matteotti's house. He saw him going out, when an image of Bonserizzi immediately entered his mind, and, acting on the impulse of the moment, he kidnapped Matteotti. He drove the motor car in which Matteotti was carried off and had proceeded a certain distance when his compatriots informed him that Matteotti was ill. He got out of the car and did his best for the prisoner, who died within five minutes, profusely bleeding from the mouth. The party wandered a long way across the country and buried the corpse after removing the clothes to conceal identification.

**NEW BARRISTER.****CHINESE ADMITTED TO PRACTICE.**

A new barrister for Hongkong, in the person of Mr. Hin Shing-lo, was admitted to practice by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Supreme Court this morning. In moving Mr. Lo's admission, the Attorney General (Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp) said that Mr. Lo was born in Hongkong, was educated at Queen's College, where he became Head Prefect; at the Hongkong University, where he took his B. A. degree; and at Cambridge University, where he took his M. A. He was called to the Bar on the 26th June, 1923, and had practised in England since that period. Mr. Lo had filed an affidavit, while the certificate of identity had been

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### PLOT TO ROB A. P. C.

#### INGENIOUS CONSPIRACY FOILED.

The story of a daring and complicated conspiracy to defraud the Asiatic Petroleum Co. was related at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when a Chinese was charged with being concerned in an attempt to steal six tons of crude oil from the North Point installation of the A. P. C.

Evidence showed that the electric light failed on the night of the attempt, and that oil had been run out of the pipe lines into a boat. It was stated that a watchman had fired on supposed accomplices who approached the pier and tried to recover the boat containing the oil.

Mr. L. D. Turner, prosecuting, said the pipe lines ran down the pier. The first intimation that anything was wrong came when the lights on the water front failed. Two watchmen saw a man on the pier about 1:45 a.m. on March 2, and he was arrested.

It was found that a control wheel was fixed to the pipe-line, and that another pipe was connected up to a small boat.

#### Manager's Evidence.

The other evidence was given by Mr. W. B. Lightburn, the manager of the installation, who said that on March 1, he received a telephone message saying that a ship would be bunkered on the following day. He gave instructions for a certain lighter to have steamed up between 9 and 10 the next morning. Defendant was the pumpman and fireman on that particular lighter.

The lighter was alongside the bunkering berth, and witness stated that he knew no reason why the man should be on the jetty in the small hours of the morning. He had no duties there.

At about seven o'clock on March 1 a watchman reported to witness that the lights would not function and witness looked at the fuse and it appeared to be alright. In consequence of the light failure, witness told the watchman to keep an especially keen lookout during the night.

#### Pipes Connected.

At about two o'clock in the morning a watchman came to his house, and witness went down to the compound. He found three watchmen there with a man in custody. He made an inspection of the premises with an electric torch and went to the jetty.

He found a handwheel on the main valve of No 1 pipe line, and a plate bolted to the end of the valve had been removed. A length of hose had been connected to the pipe line with clamps and led to the edge of the jetty and was fastened to a canvas sheet.

At the edge of the jetty there was a Chinese boat, bone with tanks, which had a pump on board. He could see that there was a quantity of oil in the boat, and left a watchman on duty there.

Mr. Turner said that although it was not part of the case for the prosecution he thought an incident which occurred during the night tended to show that there had been a general conspiracy.

#### Shot Fired.

He explained that several watchmen were on duty, and during the night, they noticed several sampans coming towards the boat which contained the oil. "I understand they made an attempt to recover the boat and that a watchman fired a shot at them" he added.

Mr. Lightburn, giving further evidence, said that when he made another examination of the boat he found it contained six tons of oil. When lighters were not being loaded at the installation, the handwheels controlling the pipe line supply were kept in his office, and he had been unable to account for the disappearance of one from his office.

### NORTHERN WAR.

#### JAPAN'S ULTIMATUM.

Tientsin, March 16. Heavy firing has been proceeding over the week-end at Lanchow, where the railway staff at the station are living in dug outs. It is reported the Kuominchun troops started to evacuate yesterday.—Reuter.

Peking, March 16.

A local report confirms the news of a Japanese ultimatum, and says the time expires in two days.

It is not yet certain what action will be taken if there be no compliance. The Legations are now considering that point.—Reuter.

Shanghai, March 16.

A message from Japanese sources at Tientsin reports that British, Japanese, French, American and Italian Naval agents have handed in an ultimatum to

General Lu Chung-lin, the commander of the Kuominchun troops for the district of Tientsin, and the commander of the Chinese Yellow Sea squadron, demanding that the squadron be withdrawn from Tientsin, that marine mines be removed, that the inspection of foreign vessels cease and that the beacons be replaced. The ultimatum notifies that if the demands are not complied with within a fixed term (which the report does not state) the Powers concerned will resort to united naval force.—Reuter.

### MR. DAVID KEITH.

PRESENTATION AT BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

Mr. David Keith, a former committee member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, was presented with two water-colour paintings of Hongkong, yesterday evening, at a gathering in the Club premises, in view of his approaching departure from the Colony. He is leaving for home on Friday, by the Empress of Canada.

In making the presentation, on behalf of the members of the committee, the President, Mr. P. T. Farrell, referred in eulogistic terms to the services of Mr. Keith to the Club, particularly in connection with the initial work for the construction of their new pavilion. Mr. Keith suitably replied.

An Indian police guard said that when the lights failed the manager ordered him to find the electrician but he could not do so.

It was explained that the electrician did not live near the spot, and there was no suggestion that he had anything to do with the case.

#### Second Thoughts.

Continuing witness said that a Chinese came up to him about ten o'clock and said that some oil was to be stolen. Witness disbelieved it, and went to bed. Later however he thought there may be some truth in the story, and he got up and went to the jetty.

He saw a ship out at sea flash a light towards the shore, and the signal was answered from a lighter. He also saw a junk come close in, and noticed a man go off one of the lighters.

Witness went to the pipe line and found defendant sitting there. He arrested the man, and blew his whistle. He saw another man jump down from the jetty, and heard him splash into the water. Another man jumped off the junk.

It was stated that the pipe delivered 300 tons of oil an hour, and consequently, that in the boat, could have been stored in five minutes.

The case was adjourned until to-day.

### THE LEAGUE CRISIS.

#### MORE CONFERENCES.

Geneva, March 16.

Meetings of all the Dominions' representatives were summoned at this morning, in order that Sir Austen Chamberlain might inform them of the latest phases of the situation.

The Brazilian Foreign Minister,

Senor Franco and the representatives of Guiana and Uruguay, both non-permanent members of the Council, are conferring with the delegates of other Latin-American states, for the purpose of furnishing to the latter explanations of the crisis and the attitude of Brazil regarding her claim to a permanent seat.—Reuter.

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### ANOTHER FLIGHT.

#### DANISH AIRMEN'S VENTURE.

Copenhagen, March 16.

The Danish army airmen, Botvend and Berschend, departed at eleven this morning in two aeroplanes, on an attempt to fly to Tokyo via Bagdad, Calcutta, Bangkok and Peking.—Reuter.

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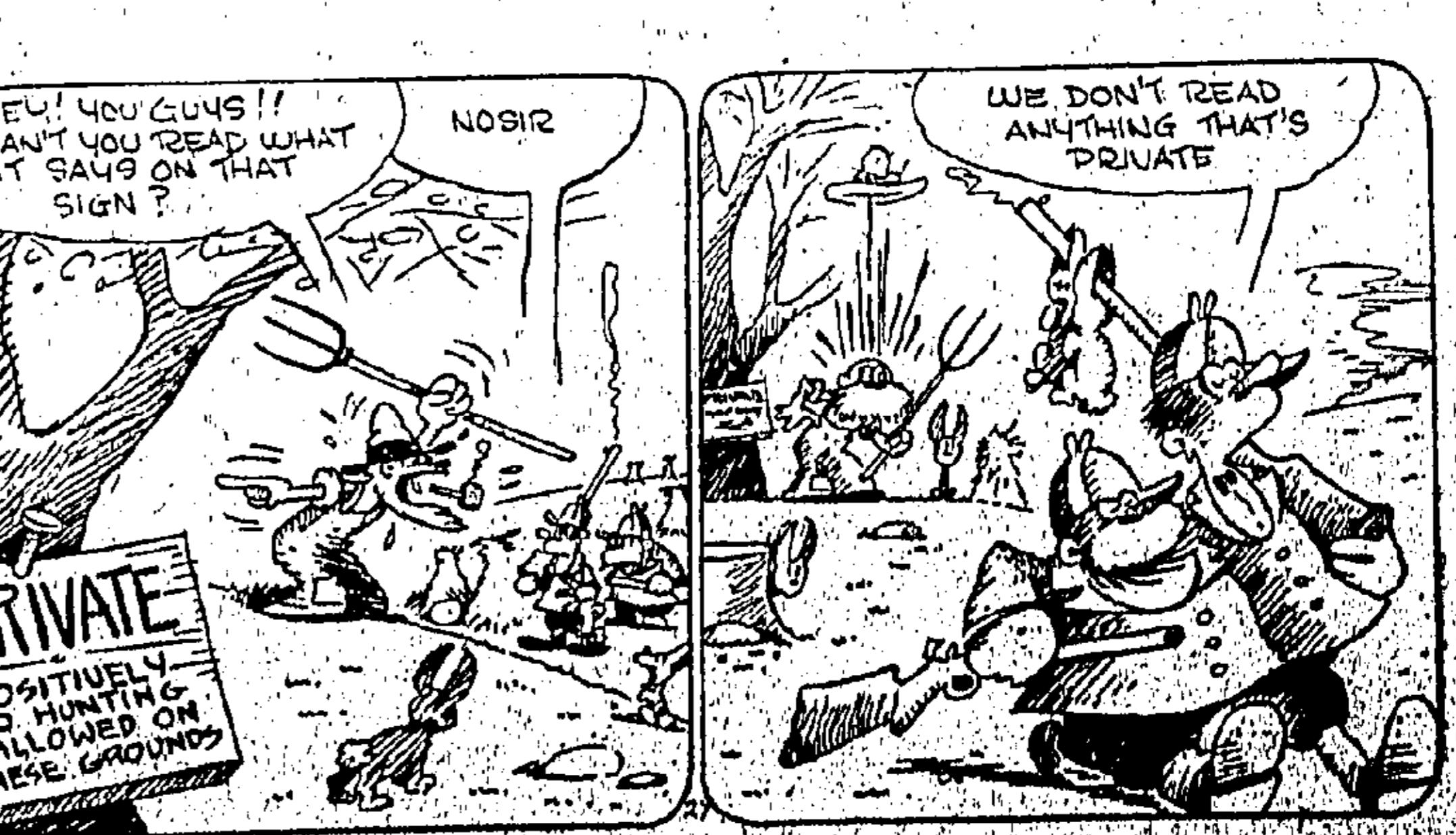
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**DONNELLY & WHYTE**,  
1st February, 1926.

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The THIRTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong on Wednesday 17th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 20th March, 1926, until Thursday, the 25th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

**SHEWAN TOMES & CO.**, General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 15, 1926.

**THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.**

With reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 27th January, 1926, whereby the Final Call of \$5.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 1st April, 1926, instead of 1st February, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 2nd July, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 2nd July, 1926.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday 20th Mar. 1926.

**KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.**

Extraordinary General Meeting. Will be held at the Kowloon British School at 6 p.m. To-night for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving the alterations to the Articles of Association of the Club.

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**

We have this day removed to Bank of Canton Building, First Floor.

J. GIBBS & CO.,  
Hongkong, 16th March, 1926.

**HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

It is regretted that the State of the Race Course will not permit of its use for School Sports of Athletic Meetings.

R. J. PATERSON,  
Clerk of the Course,  
Hongkong, 12th March, 1926.

**HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual general MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Tuesday, 23rd March, 1926, at 5.15 p.m., to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order,

P. M. HODGSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 15, 1926.

**INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.****NOTICE.**

An extraordinary general Meeting will be held on Friday, the 26th instant at 6 p.m. in the Reading Room of the Institution.

Objects as posted in the Hall of the Institution and circularised to Members.

P. T. FARRELL,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 15th March, 1926.

**HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.****THEATRE ROYAL.**

March, 20th, 1926, at 9.15 p.m. Sixth Tournament of the Season.

Main Event. Fifteen Round Contest Stoker Nagelin, French cruiser "Jules Michelet" v.

Kid Alfred, Manila, P.I. And about five other contests.

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**THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.**

The forty-second ordinary annual MEETING of shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 25th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 20th March, 1926, until Thursday, the 25th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, March 15, 1926.

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SHENWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 16, 1926.

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

The fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 26th March, 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,  
Hongkong, March 5, 1926.

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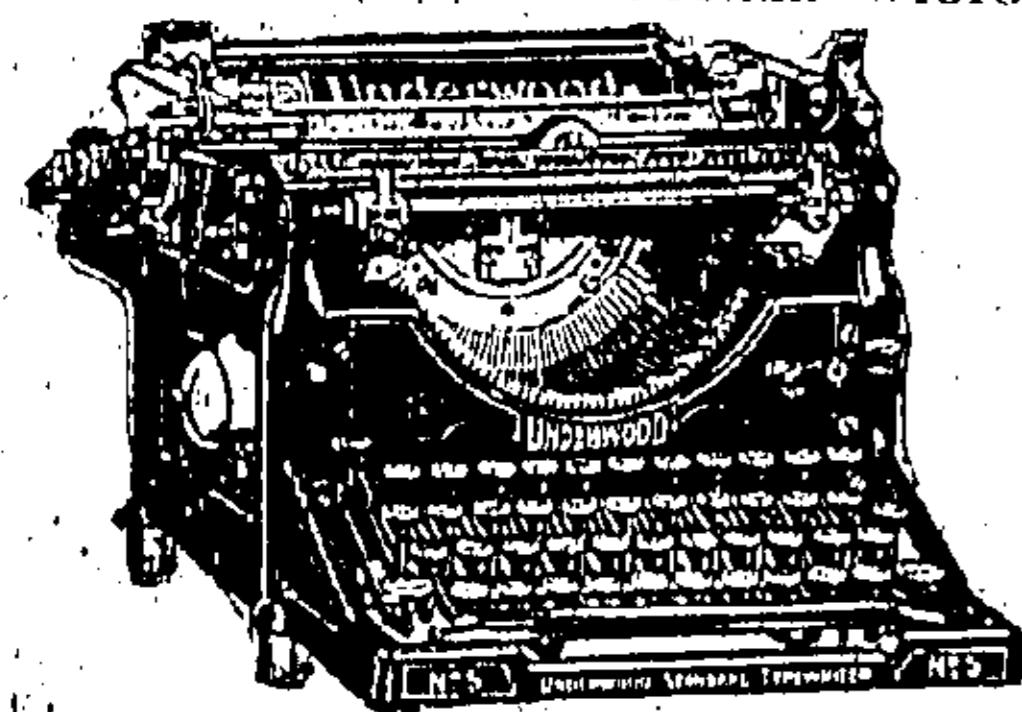
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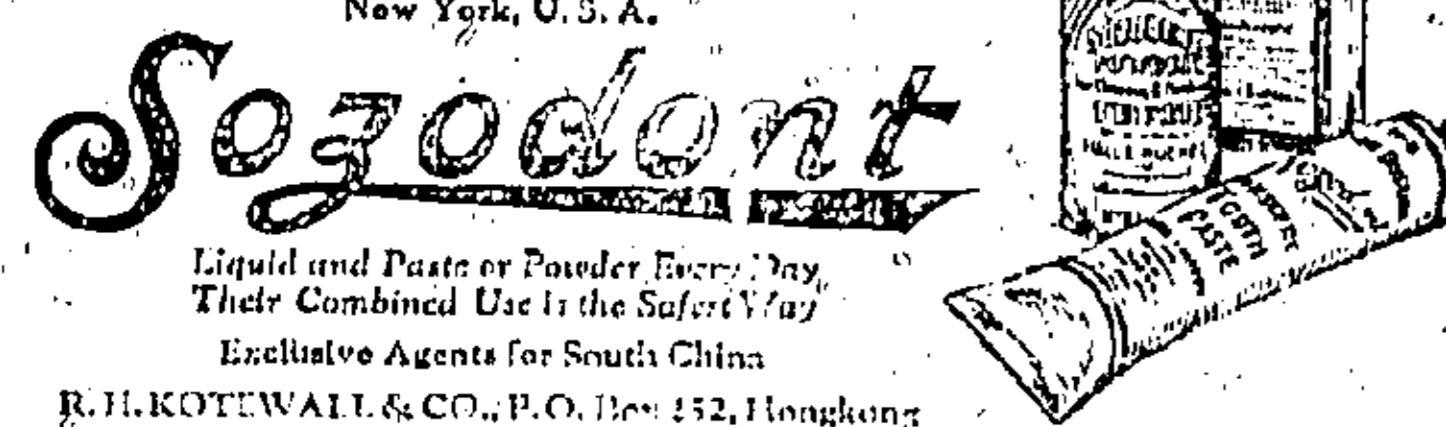
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## COMPANY REPORTS

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., to be presented at the fourth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders to be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on Wednesday, March 24th, at 11 a.m., states:

After writing off \$48,495.70 for depreciation, which is charged in the Working Account, the Profit and Loss Account, so far as it relates to contracts completed during the year, shows a credit balance of \$70,101.26. As regards the works in progress, your Directors regret to report that the expenditure during 1925 in connection with the contract made in 1923 with the Hongkong Government has been so greatly in excess of the returns that it has been found necessary to debit the Profit and Loss Account for 1925 with a further sum of \$220,000.00 on account of estimated losses to the 31st December, 1925, on three unfinished contracts. This, together with the \$260,000.00 charged to the 1924 account, makes a total of \$470,000.00, which has been deducted from the cost of works in progress, as shown in the Balance Sheet.

The result of this is to leave a debit balance for the year 1925 of \$149,398.75 to which must be added the debit balance brought forward from 1924, amounting to \$183,560.24, making a total adverse balance to the 31st December, 1925, of \$333,458.99 which it is proposed to carry forward to next year.

Directors.—Mr. J. Scott Harston and the Very Revd. Father Robert retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts for the year have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Chartered Accountants, who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.—The report for presentation to the shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., at the fifty-seventh ordinary meeting to be held at the offices of the Company, on Friday, March 28th, at noon, states:

Working Account 1924.—This Account shows surplus of \$534,656.09.

Reserve Fund.—It is proposed to appropriate \$100,000.00 out of the profits of the year 1924 to the credit of this fund. The reserve will then stand at \$2,100,000.00.

Reinsurance Fund.—It is proposed to appropriate £15,447.73, at exchange 2 2/4% = \$130,656.00, out of the profits of the year 1924 to the credit of this fund. The fund will then stand at \$213,904.07.

Dividend.—The General Managers and Consulting Committee have pleasure in recommending a dividend of \$38 per share absorbing \$304,000.00.

Working Account 1925.—The balance at credit of this account is \$590,782.41.

Consulting Committee.—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The statement that, while women may not use the strong word at "hockey," "everybody swears at golf," recalls the case of a player who used a forcible word and apologized to his girl partner for so transgressing before her. Forgiveness and explanation followed at once. "You didn't," she answered. "I said it first."

## ANIMAL VICTIMS

AN AMERICAN HOLOCAUST.

Feelingly Described.

New York, March 10.  
The heaviest loss of animal and bird life recorded in American annals, occurred in the early hours this morning through a fire starting in two barrels of sawdust, which killed a thousand canaries, 500 lovebirds, numerous others, and 150 monkeys. The frightened jungle-crews of macaws and parakeets first attracted a passing policeman.

Firemen found the rooms filled with helpless animals striving desperately to escape from their cages, hundreds of others being already stretched dead on the floor. The larger animals pathetically attempted to restore their mates to life. One baboon had to be removed by force from the side of a dead companion. A mother monkey saved the life of her baby by stretching herself over the "mimic." A house cat carried three kittens to fresh air and safety.—Reuter's American Service.

## MATTEOTTI'S MURDER

TRIAL OF FIVE MEN OPENS.

A "Lofty Mission."

Chiari, March 16.  
The trial of five men, Dumini, Viola, Volpi, Poveromo and Malacrin, accused of the "wilful but unpremeditated killing" of Matteotti, the Socialist Deputy, for discovery of whose body in July, 1924, after his disappearance in June previous, caused a worldwide sensation, has opened at the court of assize in this town in remote Abruzzi.

Dumini, the chief prisoner, is defended by Farinacci, the Fascist secretary general, who wore a black robe presented to him by local women Fascists. The chief of the Chiari bar welcomed Farinacci and his colleagues who had come "to perform the lofty mission of defending the accused."—Reuter.

## CANTON AND MACAO

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REOPENED.

Canton, March 16.  
Definite measures have been decided upon in the negotiations for the restoration of communications between Canton and Macao.

It is proposed that first of all one or two steamers be allowed to convey passengers, without cargo, between the two ports; and it is stated that this measure may be carried out in two or three days.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po*.

## CANADIAN GOLD

THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS FOR NEW YORK.

New York, March 16.  
The arrival of thirty million dollars from Canada during the past fortnight, marks the largest movement of gold to New York since the British shipment in the Autumn. The remittance is not expected to be greatly increased, as the Canadian rate of exchange which originally induced the movement, has been steadily improving for the past few days.—Reuter's American Service.

## WHERE'S JONES?

DOCTOR'S VAIN HUNT IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

Hunting for Jones in the Telephone Directory is one of the national sports of Wales, judging by remarks made by Alderman Cornelius Roberts at Pwllheli Town Council.

It was almost impossible to find a number when the whole of North Wales was compiled in one district, he said. If a subscriber wanted to find a Jones he would have to go through all the Jones's in North Wales before he could find the one he wanted.

Councillor Josiah Williams said he knew of a medical man who failed to find the number of a patient named Jones, although he spent some hours looking for it.

It was agreed to urge the telephone authorities to arrange that towns and urban areas should be separate districts in the directory.

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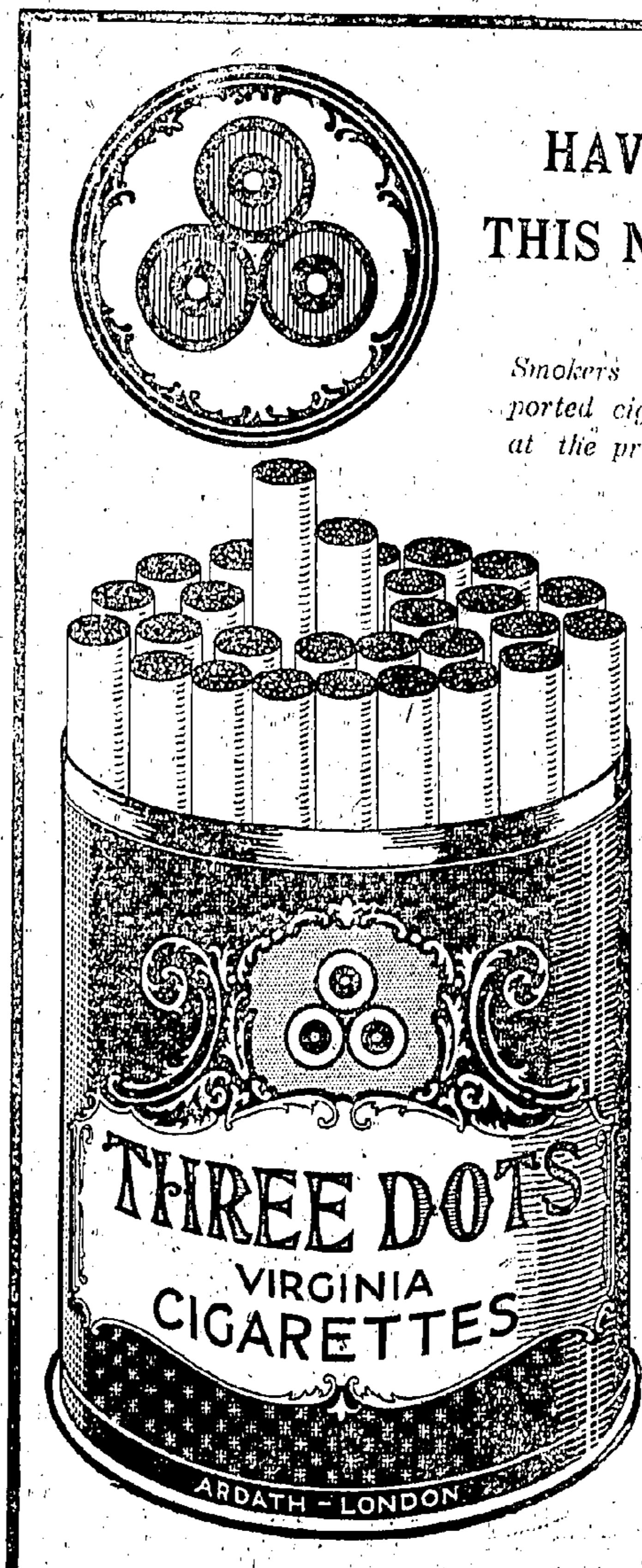
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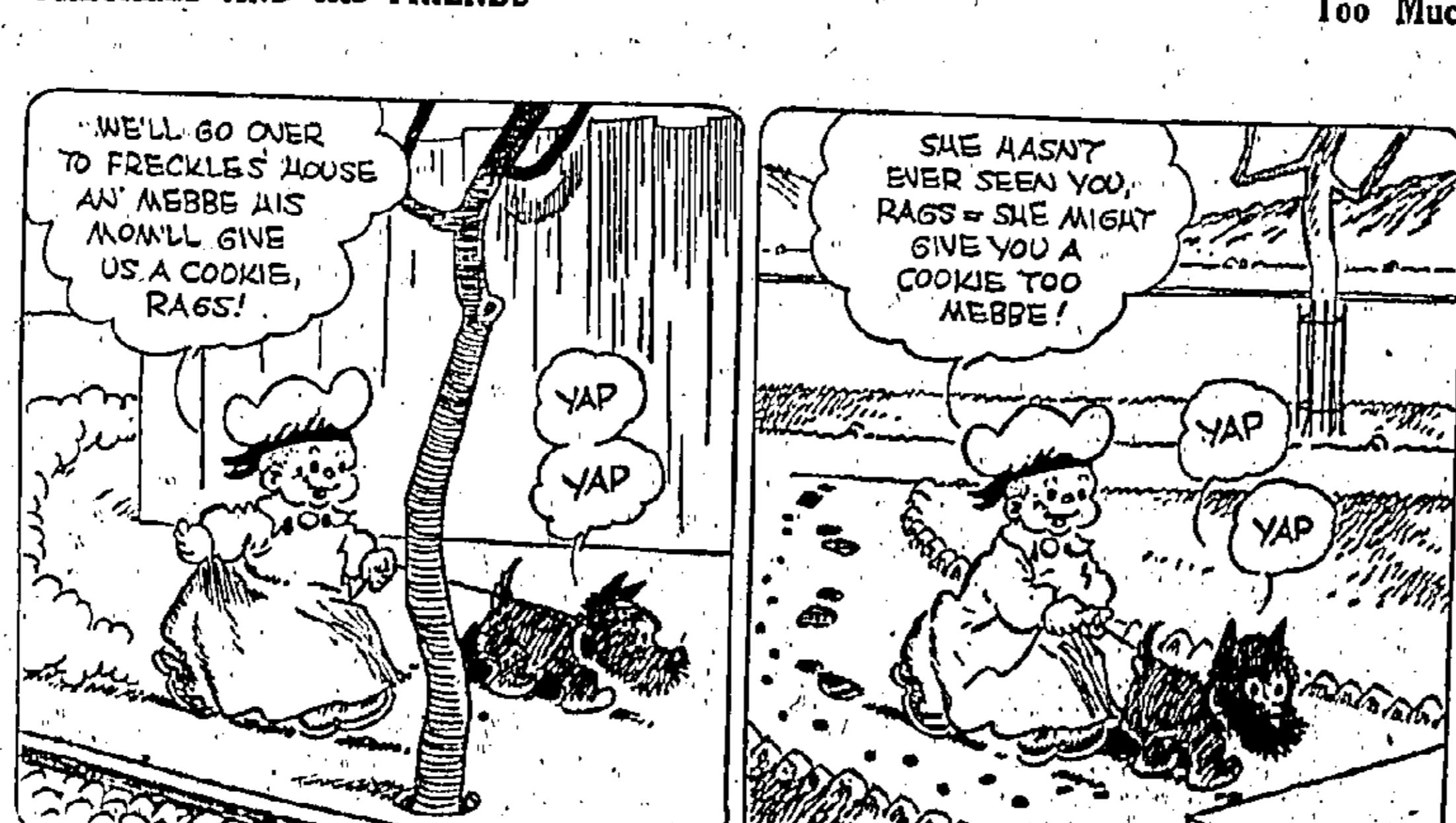


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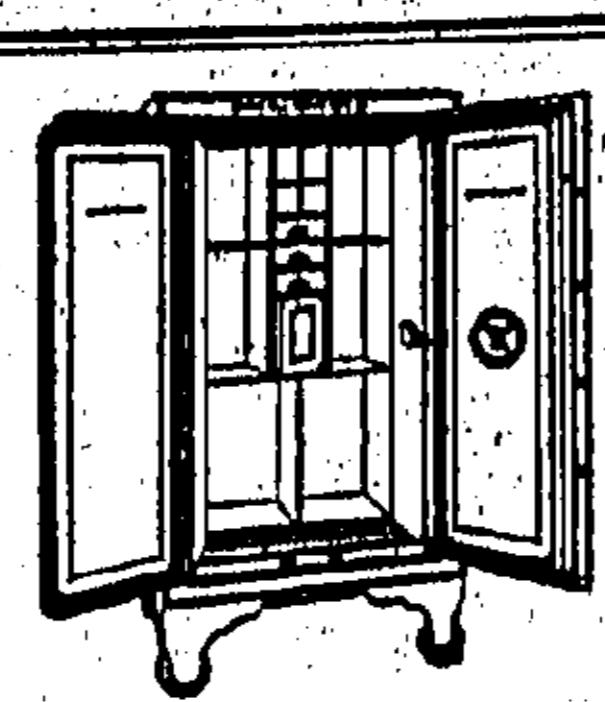
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## MARRIAGE

LOWSON - DOGGART. — At Kulangsu Amoy, on March 12th, James McKit Atkinson Lowson, M.A., M.B., Ch. B. (St. And.), of Forfar, Scotland, to Winifred Norah Doggart, M.B., Ch. B. (St. And.), of St. Andrews, Scotland.

## The Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1926.

## CANTON QUERIES.

It will have been seen from our issue of yesterday that the police authorities in Canton are so concerned over the frequent clashes between rival labour organisations that they have been urging the Government to disarm all pickets excepting those belonging to the Canton Hongkong Strike Union. The matter is said to have been considered by the Government, with the result that instructions have been issued along the lines urged by the police. That is so much to the good, but it would be pertinent just now to ask the reason for the exclusion of boycott pickets from the terms of this order. Do the police and the Government officials generally regard these boycott pickets as a law unto themselves, and are they to be permitted to follow their policy of intimidation and terrorism without official check of any kind? It certainly looks like it.

The point to be kept in mind, however, is that if the Government can disarm one group of armed pickets, it can surely take like action against others. So long as it does not do so, the impression must remain that the desire to deal with the boycotters is absent. It is to the point, also, to ask from what source these pickets obtain their arms. If from the Government, then it is surely within the province of the authorities to call them back. On the other hand, if the men or the organisations behind them supply the weapons, it is equally up to the Government to issue an order for the disarming of all pickets. In no well-ordered society would any group of men be permitted to go about fully armed, interfering with the free movement of persons and merchandise. Inaction by the Government, from whatever source the arms may have been obtained, amounts to tacit acquiescence in, if not actual

approval of, the whole picket system.

In this, as in other matters, we still look in vain for some evidence of a desire on the part of the Canton Government to put an end to the boycott. Either the authorities have the means of controlling the boycott organisation, or they have not. If they have, their failure to put a stop to what is admittedly a flagrant infringement of Treaty rights can only be construed as meaning that they have not the inclination to do so. That, in turn, implies official backing of the movement.

It is either one thing or the other; the Canton Government cannot have it both ways. There is another aspect to this issue, of which we are afraid the Canton Government takes little note. It is this—that power wielded for any length of time by any faction is reluctantly surrendered. In the long run, therefore, the authorities may themselves suffer through lack of firm action against these armed pickets. No Government can afford to have its rights usurped by any organisation, be the inspiring motive whatever it may. That is a point over which Canton will do well to ponder.

## Prohibition "Sensations."

In spite of the fact that violation of the prohibition laws of the United States has been open and widespread ever since the laws were passed, there must have been a big sensation caused throughout the whole of the States by the disclosure (telegraphed yesterday) of a huge bootleg conspiracy in Cleveland, in which it is alleged that millionaires, Government officials and many others were involved. It has always been possible to get a "wet" drink in "dry" America, and it was announced early this year that a special campaign was going to be made to enforce prohibition in a stricter way. General Andrews was chosen as chief of this campaign, and he recently told the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives that it would cost the nation at least \$25,000,000 to maintain prohibition enforcement at its present level during the present year. He gave no estimate of how much it would cost to bring about total enforcement.

General Andrews resigned, but he says he is going to remain to see whether his methods of enforcement are successful. He is said to have devised new plan for preventing legally manufactured beer and alcohol from getting into the hands of bootleggers, and says he has organised a "beer squad" for this purpose.

It may be that the disclosure of the conspiracy detailed in Reuter's telegram of yesterday, was in the nature of a sequel to General Andrews' new-style vigilance. Inasmuch as the "wets" in the United States are also making a special campaign this year on behalf of getting legal sanction for the manufacture and sale of beers and light wines, it is possible that 1926 will be a fateful year for prohibition's cause. The measure is obviously unpopular, and it has brought a great deal of technical "lawlessness" with it.

Would it not be better to adopt a rational compromise than continue the everlasting fight with its periodical sensations and disclosures on either side? America will possibly answer decisively before long.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, March, 16.

To-day's exchange rates are as follows:

Paris	134%
Amsterdam	12.13%
Brussels	113
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	18.54
Vienna	24.5
Helsingfors	193.1/16
Lisbon	212
Buenos Aires	405
Shanghai	37/4
Yokohama	1/10.13/32
New York	4.88
Geneva	26.25
Milan	121 1/8
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	25.25
Prague	164
Madrid	34.52
Rio	74
Bombay	2/32
Hongkong	30.34
Silver (spot)	80%
Silver (forward)	British Wireless

## DAY BY DAY.

THE HUMAN MIND HAS THREE KEYS OPENING ALL LOCKS: KNOWLEDGE, REFLECTION, IMAGINATION.—Victor Hugo.

The s.s. Taiping (E. and O. Line) is due here on Thursday at daylight.

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is—E. winds, frost; overcast, drizzle and mist.

Some person or persons entered an unnumbered house at Shaukiwan, and stole a box containing clothing, jewellery and money, to the value of \$29.80.

The French cruiser Jules Michelet, which has expected to stay in the Colony until early next week, is under orders to sail for the North this afternoon.

Mr. F. E. Booker, has qualified for the Adamson Cup in the March competition in conjunction with the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, with a score of 74/96 minus 22.

Leave on private affairs to the United Kingdom has been granted to Captain L. D. Joll, from April 7th to October 6th, and to Lieut. H. L. C. Hall, R.A., from March 20th to September 20th.

After being bitten by a dog, owned by a Chinese residing at No. 146, Wellington Street, second floor, a Chinese male was sent to the Government Civil Hospital. The dog has been taken to Kennedy Town.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts are advised from their Shanghai office that the Chemco United Rubber Estates, Ltd., have declared a final dividend of 25 cents, making 40 cents for the year, whilst the Kota Bahru Estates, Ltd., have declared an interim dividend of 15 cents.

As three Chinese were working on a scaffolding at No. 97, Connaught Road West, the planking suddenly overturned, and the men were thrown to the ground. Two of the men were slightly hurt, but the third, who was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, died soon after admission.

Among the passengers who arrived from Shanghai in Hongkong by the s.s. Porthos was Mr. Marcel Goldschmidt, a former manager of the Tientsin branch of Messrs. J. Ullmann & Co., who is replacing the local manager, Mr. L. Walch. The latter is proceeding to France on leave at the end of the month.

After their brief season at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, which stars on Saturday, "The Quaints" will appear at the Theatre Royal. There will be three productions of "No. No. Nanette," commencing with Monday, on which night His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi will be present.

Last week's health return contained ten cases of notifiable disease, all being Chinese. There was one case of a dog suffering from rabies. There were five cases of enteric, two of rabies, and one each of small-pox, diphtheria and cerebro-spinal fever. The deaths numbered six—three from enteric, and one each from diphtheria, small-pox and rabies.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Kowloon Golf Club will be held at the Kowloon British School at 6 p.m. to-day, for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving the alterations to the Articles of Association of the Club. As an attendance of at least thirty members is necessary, it is trusted that a special effort will be made by members to be present.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## VESSELS NEAR PORT.

At noon, the following vessels were expected to be in communication with Hongkong to-day:

Delta	Devanha	President Madison	Porthos	Paul Lecat
Hong Iwa	Kohso Maru	Protestant	Kiangu	Aki Maru
Kiangsu	Kalgan	Hong Monroe	Tsiping	Azuma Maru
Laonan	Scheer	Iyo Maru	Oura	Lahore
M/S Asia	Tijpanas	Kiangu	Hellas	M/S Asia
Prague		Yao Maru		
Rio				
Bombay				
Hongkong				
Silver (spot)				
Silver (forward)				

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## CANTON AND HONGKONG.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—To a Chinese, like myself, who is a resident in the Colony of over thirty years' standing, your editorial of last Friday, the 12th inst., could not fail to be of more than ordinary interest, and I was hoping to see some further comment on the subject. I am in a position to gauge the feeling of the enlightened section of my countrymen here, and I have no hesitation in saying that it will be a very long time before Canton, Whampoa, or any other port in South China will supplant Hongkong as their place of sojourn.

Your comment that much of Canton's progress, municipally, results from the example set by this Colony, will be generally conceded. Especially true is your reference to the anti-smallpox campaign now being conducted in that city as being a reflection of the lessons taught Canton by Hongkong. You go on to say that fifteen or twenty years ago, the Chinese of Hongkong, generally speaking, would on no account allow themselves to be vaccinated, but by persistent endeavour the authorities have convinced the masses of the value of vaccination, until nowadays big campaigns are carried out without the least difficulty.

I well remember the first public vaccination campaign in Hongkong, and a few words on the origin of it will not be amiss. It took place in 1916-1917, and was started on the advice and initiative of one of our most loyal Chinese citizens, who urged the Government to institute the campaign, he himself undertaking the responsibility and difficult task of persuading the Chinese community to submit to public vaccination. The result was a great success, and the example thus set was followed in other Eastern cities such as Shanghai and ports in Japan. The commercial community, particularly shipping circles, have every reason to be grateful for the effective measures thus introduced to combat smallpox, as the

## BRITISH COAL EXPORTS.

## SPANISH LEGISLATION PRESENTED.

Rugby, March 16.... A question was raised in the House of Commons as to the intention of Spain to propose legislation or issue decrees disadvantageous to British coal imports.

Mr. Locker Lampton, under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the British Government were protesting strongly to the Spanish Government against any decrees limiting the consumption of foreign coal. Should this protest prove ineffective the Government would consider whether any further action could be taken.—British Wireless.

losses suffered when quarantine regulations were imposed on ships, as they often were in those days, must have been great. It is only fair that I should mention the name of the gentleman who had the courage to advocate such an unusual innovation among the Chinese, even at the risk of causing him some embarrassment; he was no other than Dr. S. W. Tsao, L. L. D., who as in all his other public services did the work quietly and unassumingly. It was only last year when he was appointed Assistant Controller of Labour during the strike, that he performed into the lime-light.

To quote your words "Now in turn, Canton follows the example set, and by degrees modern health methods are being introduced." I cannot conclude in a better way than by suggesting that Canton should follow other examples set by Dr. Tsao, besides health and sanitary improvement, particularly the line of action constantly advocated and adopted by him, which tends to the betterment of all classes irrespective of race or creed, the promotion of education, the protection of the weak, the maintenance of peace and order, and the creating of goodwill and harmony among the different communities. Yours, etc.,

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Hongkong, 16th, March, 1926.

*The Very Idea!*

An imaginary letter to the friends for the expressions of sympathy and for their assistance in Editor:—

Sir,—My wife is one of the death of my husband. And (most of the time) I don't notice men's sweetest, finest women I know. But, in the clothes?" asks and answers Julia want to be single. Bat, in the current number of name of true love, why does she Hoyt in the Monday persist in permitting her petticoat Liberty. We merely noted the to hang below her skirt? I have question. We happen to know the reached the point where I no answer without looking it up. If longer tell her of it. Yesterday, a woman is married to man she notices his clothes considerably to and again this morning, the darning notices their disadvantage. She also no even remind her of it. In an effort to bring an otherwise immaculate woman to her senses, you may publish my name and the chances are she pays no attention to them.

If the instinct of gratitude were as lively as the instinct of generosity this would be a pretty good world.

A gigantic statue of Burns, on the scale of the Statue of Liberty at the entrance to New York Harbour, to stand on the Clyde, is proposed by Sir Harry Lauder.

Putting forward the idea at the annual supper of the Burns Club, he offered £1,000 towards the project.

The spot he suggested for the Happy the man who can smile statue is between Dunoon and right through the things that make Kirn, where it would be a land-going tougher. He is the man who mark for vessels passing up and is set to do his best because he's coming up the river will see it. It's not a bluffer. We've all got to estimated at £5,000.

Mr. F. A. Maquisten, M.P., in been thus since the very beginning welcoming Sir Harry's gift, said Hurrah for the man who never such a statue he hoped would be frowned, but who always comes right on the shore, so that people a grinning.

When we think of it Santa Claus must have had a hard job if he filled all the stockings we seen lately.

The trouble with grasping hands across the sea is that some of them are too much so.

The latest prophecy foretells the end of the world in 1947. That's a pity, for we'd have liked to see "We wish to thank the many the boycott through."

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## BANK LOAN CASE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

other questions, that although he took a copy of the letter away, he did not consult with anyone at any later date. To this counsel remarked that it seemed to him that there could not be much object in witness taking away a copy of the letter when he left Lammert's office.

Mr. Potter, continuing his cross-examination.—On the 6th June you have told us Messrs. Lammert's owed you \$13,000. Why didn't you press them for the repayment of this money?—I did press him for payment, but he said that the Sugar shares held by me as security for this loan had gone down in value, and a sale could not be effected.

What has that got to do with the \$13,000? You merely held these shares as security for the loan?—He mentioned that to me, because by selling straight away at this depreciated value, we would be losing a great deal.

The position is this:—You lend Lammert's \$13,000 and against that as security you hold 200 shares of sugar. In the ordinary way when the loan falls due, that money will be repaid to you and you hand the shares back to Lammert. Now why in the world didn't you say to Chan Wing-fook "Now look here, Chan. Give me the money. I want the money myself. Let me have it back?"—I did ask him and he asked me to extend the time for this loan. I pressed him for payment and he said he could not.

Counsel:—Ah now, we have it at last. Well, why could not you say to Chan: "You just said you have the money to give me when I told you I wanted money and that I wanted to sell those 200 wharves?"—I cannot understand it myself.

As a banker and a business man, is that your only answer to the question?—Yes.

His Lordship: How do you expect us to understand it?

Witness replied that he believed the position then was that sugars having gone down to such a low extent; if Lammert's had redeemed those shares they would have sustained a great loss.

Counsel:—Whether he had redeemed it or whether you held it, it would have been the same?—But he prayed that I kept them.

I put it to you that that is untrue, as the natural thing for you to say would be that he must repay you since he said he had money to give you when you arranged for the sale of the wharves?—They would not have repaid me if I had pressed them.

His Lordship commented on what he termed as an "extraordinary way of doing business" and said that what the witness had said in regard to this transaction seemed to him incredible.

In further cross-examination, witness said that although the urgency of the Bank's need for money had departed, he still permitted the negotiation to take its course, because he was averse to cutting it short at the stage it had attained; and also, because he thought that the money could be employed for a more profitable purpose. This did not mean that it was a personal purpose, as in dealings with Messrs. Lammert's amounting to a turnover of over two lakhs, these dealings were kept in separate accounts according as to whether they were his own or the Bank's.

The hearing is proceeding.

## BUDGET FORECAST.

## EXPENDITURE OF NEARLY \$800 MILLIONS.

London, March 16. In the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill estimated that the total expenditure for which they must provide in the Budget was £793,500,000, and that in order to keep down the expenditure to that figure £31,000,000 must be economised in national administration. This was in order to counterbalance unavoidable new expenditure to that amount.—*Reuter*.

## TO-DAY.

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## JOINS THE CONSERVATIVES



Sir Alfred Mond, who is seen above with his son and daughter, has just joined the Conservatives after being a Liberal M.P. for 20 years and holding office in Liberal Ministries.

## CEMENT MEETING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Demand for cement should arise we should be more than able to supply all our requirements for some time to come with our present plant.

Now as to our finances, last year all our cash in hand went in payment of the dividend and you will see from the balance sheet that up to 31st December we had expended \$330,305 on Macao and \$79,506 or Hok Un, consequently on 31st December our overdraft at the Bank had risen to nearly \$200,000, but, against this our stocks of raw and finished material were higher by nearly \$400,000 and our investments at \$714,656 were untouched.

As some shareholders are anxious to have some particulars of the investments I may tell you that these consist wholly of:

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but everything was brought almost to a standstill in July and since then it has simply been a struggle to keep the factory going with whatever unskilled labour we could pick up.

I am, however, glad to say that the prospects for this year seem, especially as regards bricks, better.

The new brick kiln is fulfilling all our expectations as to quantity and quality of the bricks turned out, and the outturn of the factory is slowly increasing as some of our best men have at last returned to work.

Altogether our prospects for the current year are certainly better and with a return of the normal

demand for drainage pipes which

entirely ceased owing to the curtailment of public and other works

in the Colony, this Department of our business should again shew a fair profit on the turnover.

I now move that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and the balance at the credit of profit and loss account be dealt with as follows:—To pay a Dividend of 8 cents on the Old Shares and 10.666 cents on the New Shares, \$362,666.66, to place to reserve for new plant, \$100,000; to carry forward to the credit of next year's account, \$63,342; and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased, to the best of my ability, to answer any questions Shareholders may wish to put.

## QUESTIONS ON STOCKS.

Mr. G. H. Potts, seconding, said he was pleased to find things were better than expected. At the same time he hoped things would be better next year, that the strike would be finished and that work would continue in the Colony. He had pleasure in seconding, but would like to know something about the large sum of over \$1,300,000 in materials. Was that in stone or in cement.

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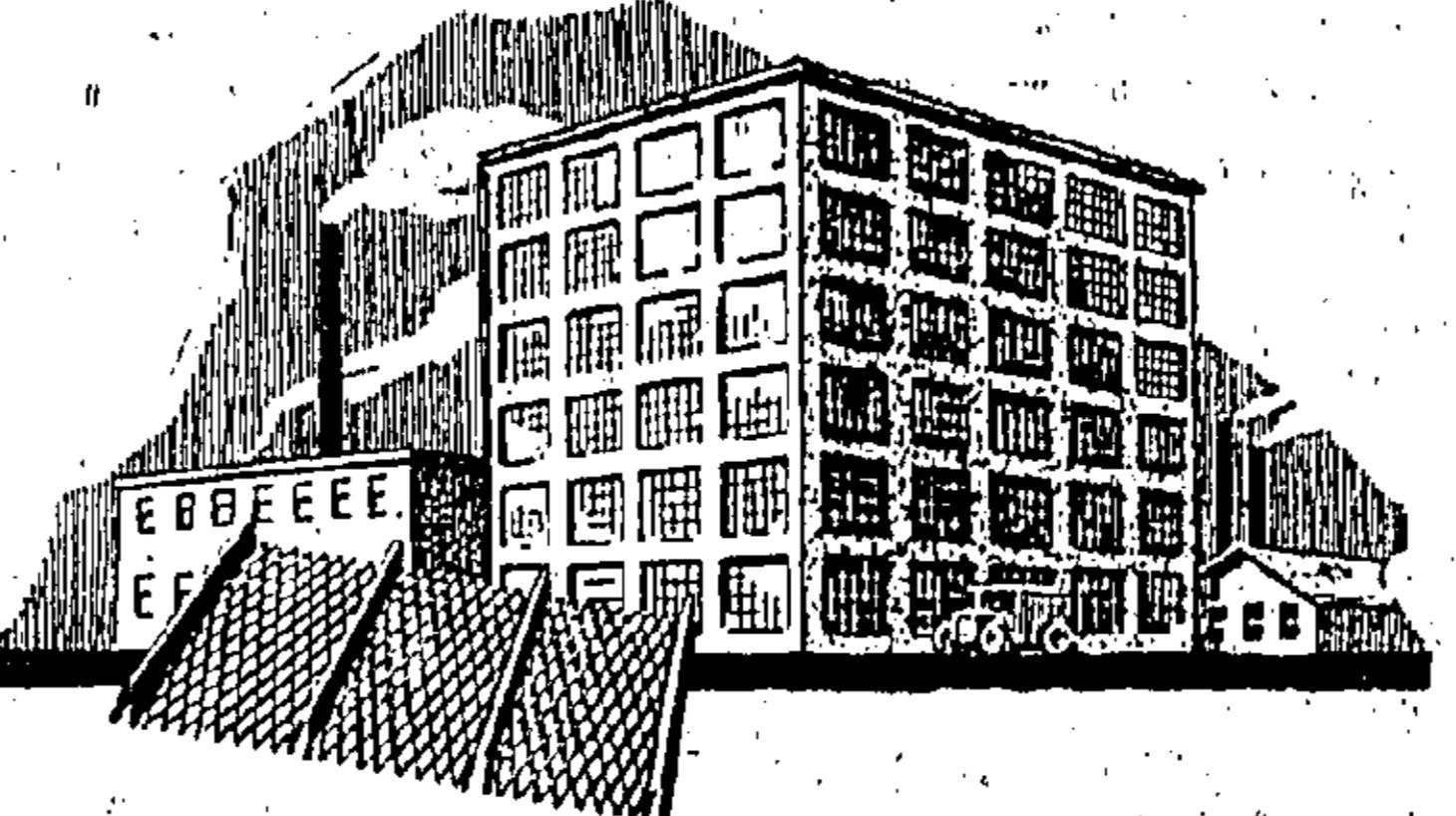
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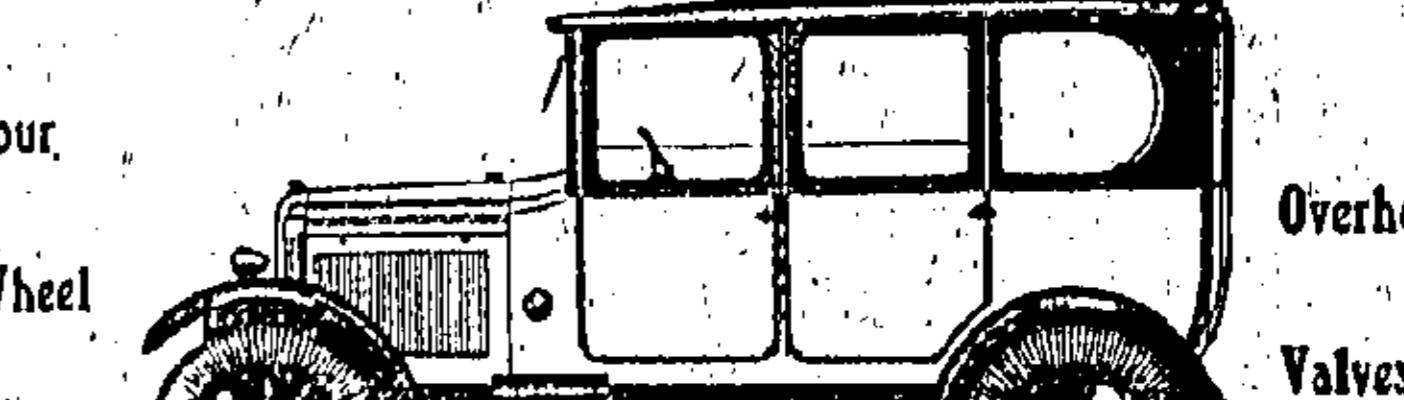
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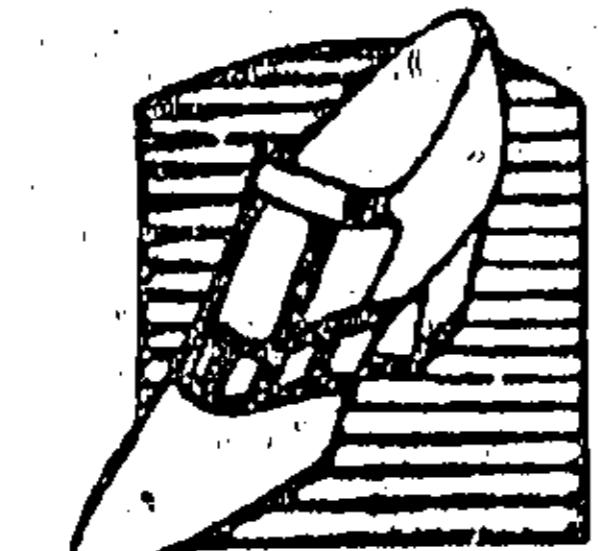
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Residence In Hostel.—Most of our girls go into residence at the Women's Hostel. May I here stress the value of residence in Hall? We are convinced that our hostel life is binding together Chinese students from different parts of China, and there are few things for which we should be more grateful to a generous benefactor than a permanent hostel. The women, undergraduates are at present in St. Stephen's Hall, which is a rented building, and far too small for this important work. Miss Vincent, B.A., the acting Warden, with wise guidance, seeks to help them in every way. Before proceeding with the work of the school, may I mention an excellent scheme which our Society has put into action this year? S. S. G. C. and "Fairies" together now form a

## SPEECH DAY.

ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE  
FUNCTION.

## Good Year of Service.

Yesterday was speech Day at St. Stephen's Girls' College, where there were a large number of parents and friends present. Distinguished visitors included Lady Clementi and the Bishop of Victoria.

The programme opened with a short concert of musical and vocal items, including the first act of "King Lear."

In asking Lady Clementi to present the scholarship cups and certificates, the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. C. R. Dupuy, congratulated the students on their entertainment and eulogised the excellent work carried out by Miss Middleton-Smith during the strike. The fact that the School held its own throughout the strike and had made progress was due to the labours of the Headmistress and all concerned. It was Lady Clementi's first visit to the School and the Bishop welcomed her not only on her initial visit but also as a member of the College Council. He assured Lady Clementi of the gratitude they had for her presence and for being a member of the Council.

## The Report.

The Headmistress, after welcoming Lady Clementi, the Bishop and visitors, said in part:

The school year has been a very prosperous and encouraging one. We closed earlier than usual for the summer vacation, with a full school. We re-opened in September with almost our usual numbers. Boarders from far distances, such as Formosa, Peking, and Tientsin, were unable to return. I am glad to have this opportunity of expressing my grateful appreciation of the loyal manner in which the girls and Chinese Staff supported us through troublous days.

I will not tire you with a detailed report of the school work; sufficient to say that the standard this year (and this despite an abnormally long vacation) has been higher than at any previous time. We had an excellent report after the visit of the Government Inspector, who specially commented favourably upon history, reading and recitation in the upper school. (Elocution, as you have heard, is well taught by Miss Hazelton). The script writing in the lower school was mentioned as being very good, while the K. G. received special mention as being well taught and well equipped. (This is in charge of Mrs. Cooper).

Health.

Dr. Minett, the Medical Officer of Health, visited the school in November last, and to quote her own words, she found the general health and development excellent. Continuing, she said, "I heard good singing lessons being given for chest and throat development in the Upper School. (For the singing being well taught we are indebted to Mr. Mason). I saw excellent work being done in drilling and breathing exercises and ball games in the playground under Miss Shi (our physical culture mistress). The K. G. Classes were having good singing and games given in an interesting way. Hygiene is very well and practically taught, the text books in use are the most modern I have seen."

Eight students were presented for the University Matriculation and Senior examinations. Of these six passed, two matriculating and four passing Senior, two gaining distinctions.

Nine took the Junior examination. Of these seven passed; six gaining distinctions. The two who matriculated have already entered the University in the Faculty of Arts. Another old S. S. G. C. Student has entered the University this term. She has been given a Scholarship through the generosity of an Englishwoman, who wishes to remain unknown. The gift was a token of friendship to the women of China, the desire being to help a Chinese girl to gain knowledge in the University, in order to give that knowledge to her own people, in a part of China where education is less advanced. We are grateful to the Vice-Chancellor for kindly suggesting that a S. S. G. student should accept it.

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combined institution, S. S. G. C. giving an English and Chinese education, "Fairies" giving a purely Vernacular education. Mrs. Cheung, being their very capable Headmistress, while Miss Atkins is giving splendid help as Advisor and Warden. Through the generosity of Chinese gentlemen, who have given scholarships, it is possible for a girl to pass from the vernacular school, through S.S.G.C. to the University in this combined scheme of education. There are almost five hundred people in the three institutions, each having its own "Head" with a Principal over all. Very few schools possess a staff who have higher qualifications than those possessed by the staff of these schools. I wish here to pay an unqualified tribute to the whole-hearted devotion of the entire staff to the interest of both schools, and to their excellent teaching work."

This school. The names have been written in gold over the various rooms for which the donors gave the money. "We are glad to have with us Sir Robert Ho Tung, Dr. Tso and Mr. Ho Wing. These gentlemen gave much time and thought to help put up this fine building and we deeply regret that Mr. Kwok Sul-lau, our most generous friend, is prevented through illness from being with us today.

The following gave rooms in St. Stephens Girls' College:

Mr. Kwok Sul-lau, \$10,000; The Grand Hall; Sir Robert Ho Tung, \$6,000; Mr. Mak Kon-sang, \$5,000; Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$2,500; Mr. Tong Lin-chiu, \$2,500; Mr. Ho Fook, \$2,500; Mr. Chan Cheuk-ling, \$2,500; Mr. Lee Hy-an, \$2,500; Mr. Tsui Kung-po, \$2,000; Mr. Tang Chi-ning, \$1,500; Mr. Lau Yung-fong, \$1,500; Mr. H. M. H. Nomura, \$1,500; Mrs. T. T. Ching, \$1,000; Miss Stella Kimono, \$1,000; Mr. Siu Ying-chow, \$1,000; Mr. Fung Ping-shan, \$1,000; Mr. Chan Wan-shau, \$1,000; Mr. Yung Tsz-ning, \$1,000; Mr. Moi Mun, \$1,000; Mr. Li Wing-kwong, \$1,000; Mr. Lee Yau-chuen, \$1,000; Sir Paul Chater, \$1,000; Messrs. Matheson & Co., Ltd., \$1,000; Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, \$1,000; The Union Insurance Society of Canton, \$1,000; Mrs. Lau Siu-cheuk, \$1,000; A Friend, \$1,000; Mr. Ho Kom Tong, \$1,000.

## Prize List.

The following girls have passed the Matriculation, Senior and Junior Examinations. Their names are written in gold on the boards in this Hall and engraved in silver on this shield:

Cheng Hung Yue,—First in Matriculation, awarded the Scholarship given by Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

Helen Chung,—Matriculation with distinctions in needlework.

"Senior."

Amy Ma,—First in Senior receives the Ho Fook Scholarship.

Maggie Cheung,—Distinctions in needlework.

Amy Kwan and Tseng Hui Fan.

Junior.

Choy Wan-han,—Receives the Scholarship Cup, awarded by Lo Ching Shui, Distinction in Music.

Fok Sut Ngoh, Ada Leung, Li Suh-wa, Hanmin Surh, Tong Woon-tsing, Flora Wan, Distinctions in Needlework.

Lady Clementi's Speech.

Lady Clementi expressed her pleasure at being present and said that after seeing how many Chinese ladies had acquired such an excellent knowledge of a foreign language, she became increasingly ashamed of the little she knew of the Chinese language. She congratulated Miss Middleton Smith and said that the report she had read would give pleasure to any headmistress to read.

Lady Clementi commented upon the social services rendered by the girls of St. Stephen's to those who were less fortunate than themselves.

The ceremony was presided over by the Right Rev. Bishop of Victoria and others present were, Mr. E. Raphs (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. L. Forster, Dr. S. V. Tso, Professor Middleton-Smith, Professor Ponsonby-Fane, and Rev. H. Copley Moyle.

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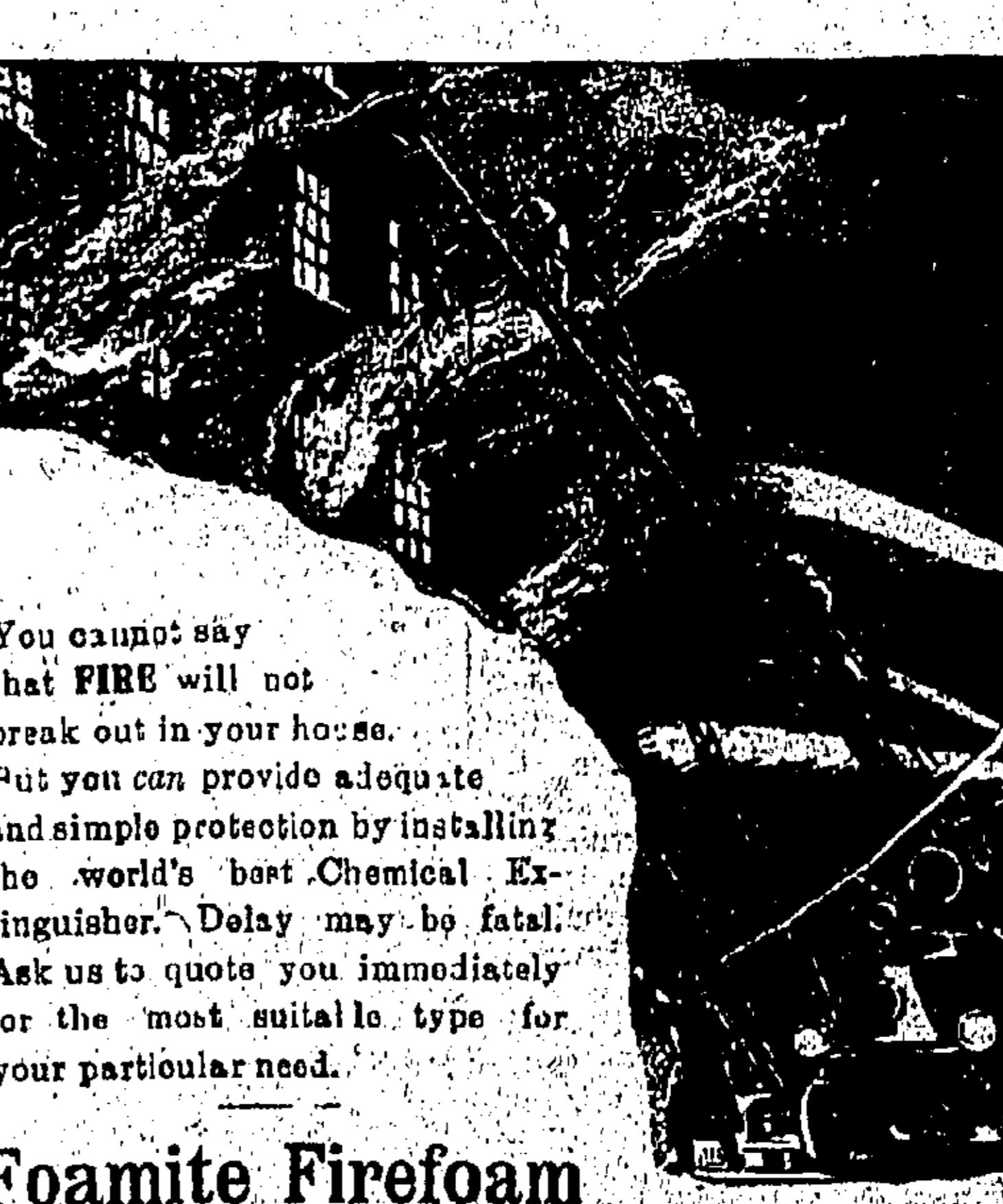
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## PLAY AND PLAYERS.

## SATURDAY'S BOXING TOURNAMENT.

[BY "WANDERER"]

"The only thing that can possibly prevent the match coming off is the departure of the Jules Michelet before Saturday," said Mr. J. Brook, the manager of the Hongkong Boxing Association, writing me early this week in reference to the highly attractive bout which tops the bill for the sixth tournament of the season fixed for Saturday next, March 20th, at the City Hall.

The Boxing Association has taken a new lease of life after some two months' inactivity, and were prepared to feature at the head of their programme a contest between Stoker Reynolds, the fly-weight champion of the French Navy, and Kid Alfred, the Filipino boy who created such a good impression here when he fought and defeated Harry Major in three rounds.

This morning, I am given to understand that as the result of the trouble at Tientsin and Taku, the Jules Michelet is under orders to sail for the North to-day at three o'clock, and the only hope which offers is an endeavour which is being made to arrange for Stoker Naegelin to remain behind.

If the contest comes off as arranged, it will not be the first time these two men have met. In Saigon on August 20th last year, a splendid fight resulted in a points decision for Naegelin and again on October 1st, an equally fine struggle resulted in a drawn verdict. At the third attempt Kid Alfred, who has been in strict training, hopes to surpass his previous performances against the Stoker.

Naegelin has won the fly-weight championship of the French Navy three years successively and he comes from the same school as Criqui and Andre Dupre. A few local fans had an opportunity of seeing him in action on board the French cruiser when she first arrived in Hongkong, and they were exceedingly pleased with his showing.

No change is anticipated in the remainder of the programme which is appended:

## 10 ROUNDS HEAVYWEIGHT.

P. O. Francis (Sub. L3) v A. B. Moir (Durban).

## 6 ROUNDS WELTERWEIGHT.

Stoker Reynolds (Sub. L3) v Pte. Mann (Surreys).

## 6 ROUNDS BANTAMWEIGHT.

L/Sign. Hanson, (Vindictive) v Pte. Baxter (Surreys).

## 6 ROUNDS FEATHERWEIGHT.

Tel. Johnson (Durban) v Cpl. Choules (Surreys).

## 6 ROUNDS WELTERWEIGHT.

L/Tel. Emmerson (Tamar) v L/Sign. Derbyshire (Vindictive).

Francis and Moir met recently in the China Squadron Championships and Moir won the short distance bout, which was spoilt by continual clinching. Over ten rounds Francis is expected to reverse the decision, though Moir is a forceful fighter whose particular style, though not highly attractive, presents something of a problem.

Stoker Reynolds is one of the most promising men seen recently in the local ring and he will be given a thorough testing when he meets Pte. Mann of the East Surrey Regiment. Mann's best performance locally was his defeat at the hands of Leading Stoker Piper some months ago. It will be remembered that Mann who, on paper, was given little chance appeared to have his man handsomely beaten when Piper staged a come-back, aided by a lucky blow, and knocked him out in the last few seconds of the sixth round. The bout between Reynolds and Mann should be one of the best of the evening.

Hanson makes his debut before the Hongkong public. He comes with a good reputation having won the bantamweight championship of the Chatham Port Division in 1924 and 1925, and in both years he was runner-up in the R. N. and R. M. Champion-

## SPORTING PARS.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

W. E. Austen, late of the Kowloon F.C. did the hat-trick for the Shanghai Engineers against the Artillery recently.

Derby County have arranged another Continental tour for May, and are to play matches at Copenhagen, Gothenburg, and Stockholm.

The bar which has hitherto existed against German yachtsmen, preventing them from competing in English regattas, has now been removed.

Sgt. Mitchell the East Surreys centrehalf who was injured in the Shield tie with H.M.S. Tamar is still in hospital. It having been discovered that he has sustained a fractured cheekbone.

Mr. H. C. Catchside, the International Rugby player, was married at Newcastle to Miss Stella Newlands, a former women's golf champion of Durham County.

Leaving the Colony early next month is C. W. E. Bishop, the Club left-back. Bishop's position when he came to the Colony was inside left but after filling several positions he settled down at left back.

Routledge and Chailler, the respective Amateur Billiard Champions of South Africa and Australia, will compete in the first Empire Championship to take place on April 12th. Chailler is already in London.

The honorary secretaryship of the Kowloon Football Club is likely to be changed shortly. Kenny Mason is now living on the Hongkong side and this will probably occasion his resignation.

Beaulieu, Feb. 21.—A sensation was caused here when a conference of the leading tennis players met to investigate charges to the effect that players had trafficked in tickets for the Cannes tournament. Proof has been submitted that a well-known English player sold tickets at a substantial profit.

A 30 years old cricket fixture is being revived. Cambridge University having arranged to play a match with Notts at Cambridge on June 9, 10 and 11. When the Light Blues paid a visit to Notts in June 1896, this county won by six wickets. This was Mordecai Sherwin's benefit match.

The clubhouse of the Kowloon Football Club presents a much more attractive appearance since the extensions have been made. Improvements have also been made recently at the quarters of the Hongkong Football Club at Happy Valley.

Walter Hagen, professional golf champion, is going to make a golfing tour around the world shortly. The tour will start with an invasion of the British Isles at the time of the British Open Golf Championships, and will include the French Open Championship. After that Hagen proposes to visit Japan, India, Australia, and the Hawaiian Islands.

Australian tonques are busy praising and criticising the choice of their cricket team for England. On the whole, though, they are satisfied, especially with their strength as a batting side. Noble is probably right in saying that they should not have made the selection so early; had they waited, Kippax would certainly have had a better chance of inclusion, as he would have been considered in relation to the whole rather than as one candidate of three.

On Article 2, an important question was raised as to the exact meaning to be given to the expression "Four of work," and, after discussion, the views of the various delegations were found to be in agreement on this point. Further discussion took place on the definition of a working week, and various proposals put forward to make clear the position on this matter were remitted to the Sub-Committee.

A question was raised as to the effect of Article 2 on the working of a five-day week. This was discussed at some length and the point was reserved for further consideration.

The Conference then proceeded to an examination of Article 4, which deals with the special conditions applicable to continuous process industries. The discussion on this Article was still in progress when the Conference adjourned.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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U. S. CONSULATES.

BIG PURCHASING VOTE.

Washington, March 16.

The House of Representatives has voted an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to acquire Embassy and Consular buildings and to consolidate the Government services abroad.—*Reuter's American Service*.

## NO MERE GESTURE.

Delhi, March 16.

The Council of State has passed an official resolution to give effect to the policy of progressive reduction in the exports of opium except for strictly medicinal purposes. The Finance Secretary said that the motion was not a gesture, but a deliberate step to carry out the obligation to help stop the evils of opium smoking.—*Reuter's American Service*.

J. W. J. Rinkel, who won the 100 yards and quarter mile for Clark in the inter-collegiate competition at Cambridge this week, was a more than useful Rugby player when he was at Blundell's School. He played on the wing, and his speed with the ball was astounding. There are great hopes of him becoming an Olympic sprint champion. He ran a great 220 yards in the last A.A.A. championships, finishing second to Murchison, the American.

Worcester City and Kettering Town, who met on Birmingham F.C.'s ground in the second replay of their second round F. A. Cup tie, only attracted a poor gate, the total receipts being £107. Comes a bill from Birmingham F.C. for £57, which, after being deducted from the takings, left both clubs in for a loss. But the worst was to come—in the form of a bill for 2s. for the football provided. Twelve and six for each club, and they didn't even get the ball back!

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## CANTON HOSPITAL

## A HISTORIC INSTITUTION.

Some interesting facts are given by the Canton Hospital authorities regarding this historic institution, which has now been shut down as the result of labour tyranny.

In the course of its statement, the Hospital authorities say that the Canton Hospital is the oldest medical institution in Canton, in fact, in the Orient. It was founded ninety years ago by Dr. Peter Parker, an American, who is said to have opened China at the point of a lancet. Through this Hospital all phases of modern medical service were introduced into China. Here for the first time the youth of China were taught the science and art of modern scientific medicine. Here modern medical text books were first translated into Chinese and published. In this Hospital the first medical researches in China were made. The first Chinese to go abroad to study medicine returned to serve upon the staff of this Hospital. It over two million Chinese people have been treated. It is one of the largest Hospitals in China. Because of its fame, four presidents of China have contributed to it, and sent congratulatory letters or telegrams at various anniversaries of its foundation. In it, Dr. Sun Yat-sen first commenced the study of medicine, and always maintained his interest in it, to the extent that two years ago he was instrumental in having the Government grant to the Hospital in perpetuity a tract of land for the further development of the Hospital and its varied activities.

It is further stated that the Hospital is also a charitable institution in that eighty per cent at least of all in-patients enter the public wards, paying only about one fifth of the cost of their maintenance. The Hospital is therefore a money losing concern, and has an annual operating deficit of at least twenty thousand dollars per annum, even though maintained on a missionary basis. That means that the support of the American members of the Staff is on missionary living salary only, and that this support comes from abroad, and all fees are turned into the Hospital treasury.

During the past year, owing to local economic circumstances, the high cost of supplies, the difficulty of securing them, the few contributions and the smaller number of paying patients, the Directors were afraid that it would be impossible to keep the Hospital going. Fortunately, however, a strong appeal to philanthropic friends of China in America received sufficient encouragement to warrant trying to carry on with the hope that settlement of the "Strike and Boycott" would restore normal economic conditions in Canton, and increase the revenue of the Hospital.

LOCARNO PACT RE-AFFIRMED.  
Geneva, March 16.

An official communiqué was issued at 8.45 this evening and states:—"The representatives of Germany, Belgium, France, Great Britain and Italy met to examine the situation resulting from the difficulties which have arisen to hinder the accomplishment of their common wishes. They note the fact that they have reached an agreement to overcome obstacles which at one moment had arisen between them. If as there seems reason to feel, the above difficulties persist, the representatives of the seven signatories to the Locarno Protocol would regret not to be able at this moment to reach the goal they had view, but they are happy to recognise that the work of peace which they realised at Locarno, and which exists in all its value and force, remains intact. They remain as much attached thereto to-day as yesterday and are firmly resolved to work together to maintain and develop it."

The communiqué concludes by expressing the conviction that at the next session of the Assembly the existing difficulties will be surmounted and that the agreement already reached regarding the conditions of Germany's entry into the League will be realised.—Reuter.

## "DEFLORABLE IMPRESSION."

Geneva, March 16.

A deplorable impression has been produced by the publication of the communiqué cabled earlier and there is much criticism of those to whom responsibility is attributed.

Complete calm prevails at the German headquarters, though the German journalists are much concerned regarding the consequences which the abortive attempt to secure Germany's admission is likely to have in Germany. Things, however, may be still righted if Brazil during the night decides not to veto Germany's admission unless Brazil is also granted a permanent seat.

Reuter.

## MORE TOURISTS.

ARRIVAL OF THE  
"LACONIA."

With the arrival in port this morning of the big round-the-world tourist liner, the s.s. Laconia, Hongkong has had to accommodate to day no fewer than 900 tourists. There were already 800 here on the s.s. Resolute and the s.s. Laconia brought a further 600. And the weather has, unfortunately, been on its very worst behaviour, an incessant drizzle from early yesterday morning giving place, after "tiffin" to day to a downpour of rain. The weather has been responsible for confusing our visitors to the vicinity of the Hongkong Hotel and the Queen's Road district, and has robbed the sight-seeing trips (especially the one to the Peak) of its accustomed enjoyment and interest. One-hundred-and-fifty of the Laconia's passengers went up to Macao by this morning's river steamer, and the majority have had the day free for individual action. No fewer than 750 extra tiffins were served at the Hongkong Hotel in spite of the lack of accommodation.

The s.s. Resolute leaves for Manila to-night.

Amongst the prominent people on board the s.s. Laconia are Governor Osborne, of Iowa, Colonel Daniels, who is reputed to be a millionaire forty times over, and a prominent American banker, Mr. Pugsley, who is accompanied by a party of ten, including his son, Mr. Chester Pugsley, a lawyer of international repute.

The Laconia tourists form one of the annual world touring parties of Mr. Frank Clark, and for purposes of convenience are split into three groups in order that the ground can be adequately covered. Alternately, the groups will visit the Peak, Macao, Repulse Bay, and will make the trip round the new Territories.

The Laconia, which left New York on January 20 on her present cruise around the world, is to terminate her voyage at Cherbourg on May 22. On her way to Hongkong she called at Havana, Colon, Balboa, Los Angeles, Hilo, and Honolulu and Japan, and after leaving she will touch at Manila, Batavia, Singapore, Rangoon, Calcutta, Colombo, Bombay, Suez, Port Said, Haifa, Athens, and Naples, before she reaches her destination, Cherbourg.

This is the third cruise around the world for the Laconia. During her schedule of four months and a half beginning from the time of her departure from New York, she will, it is calculated, steam more than 30,000 miles across the oceans and seas of the world.

In honour of two champion Friesian cows—mother and daughter—who have made a British Friesian milking record, a great banquet was held in Belfast. Together they yielded 5,000 gallons in a year. The 5,000 gallons in a year. The Governor General of the Free State and Sir James Craig sent messages; the owner was toasted, and photographs of the animals were given a place of honour in the room.

## TRADE MARK CASE.

HONGKONG FIRM  
CONCERNED.

An interesting case has just been tried before the Mixed Court at Shanghai in which the well-known Hongkong firm of the Kwong Sang Hong, manufacturers of scents, soaps, etc., sued a shopkeeper named Tsung Han-ting for using their trade mark of Florida Water, Hair Oil and Face cream. There was a further charge of forging the trade mark.

Evidence was given by Mr. Ching Yang-kong, the Secretary of the Kwong Sang Hong, who said that his firm had been receiving complaints regarding the quality of the goods being sold under their label, said complaints having extended over a period of two years. Letters had been received from the company's agents at Soochow, Wusieh and Hankow also complaining about the goods and in consequence a man had been sent to investigate and he found that the accused was manufacturing Florida Water, etc., and selling it under the same brand as the complainant.

A letter of complaint was sent to the accused's firm and they replied agreeing to alter their

labels. But they did not do so. Witness stated that his firm had lost considerable money on account of the inferior quality of the accused's goods.

The complainant's agent at Nantungchow was called and he stated that he did business with complainant's goods to the value of about \$40,000 annually, but since the goods of defendant's firm had crept into the market under the imitation label there had been a considerable falling off in sales.

Defendant stated that he had no intention of imitating complainant's goods.

Supreme Court Decision.

Before deciding the case, the Court produced a very interesting decision in such a case in the Supreme Court in which it stated that "no conviction can be entered against a person charged with using a trade-mark which is an imitation of another person's trade-mark unless it can be shown that same imitation is an exact copy."

For this reason the Court decided that it could not enter a conviction but was satisfied that it was an attempt to copy the complainant's trade mark and to mislead the public.

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